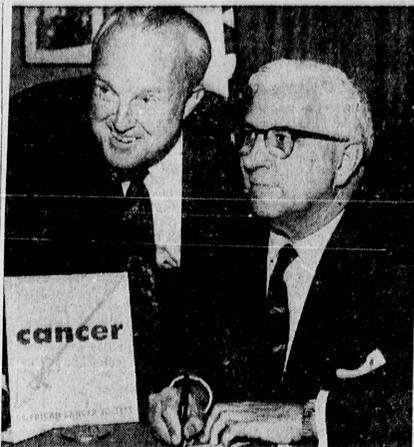


**New Bank Planned For Redondo This Summer**

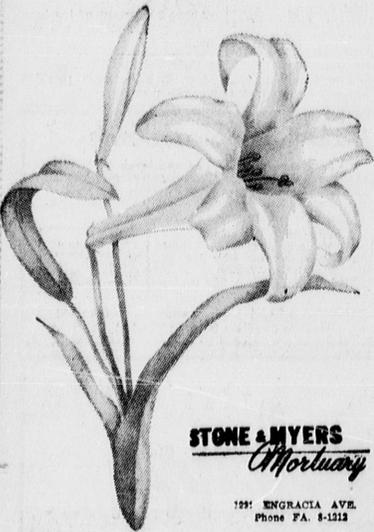
Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles will open a new branch in Redondo Beach early this summer, according to Roy A. Britt, president. To be known as the South Bay Branch, the new office will be established at 1824 South Pacific Coast Hwy., and will be located conveniently for residents of Redondo, Torrance, Riviera, and the Palos Verdes area.

**Young Guitarist In Contest Victory**

Ted Mason, 15-year-old guitar virtuoso, received a gold watch recently as the winner of the "Squeakin' Deacon" contest on a Los Angeles radio station. The student of Slim Edwards at Melody Music, Mason won out over 19 contestants on the radio program. Mason lives at 22125 So. Dolores.



**CANCER RESOLUTION SIGNED . . .** County Supervisor Burton W. Chace (right) signs the resolution he introduced, officially designating April as cancer control month. Looking on is George P. Cronk, county crusade chairman for the American Cancer Society appeal. The resolution urges all residents to learn as much as possible about cancer and to support the ACS Crusade.



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**Welfare Federation Meet Set April 27**

The 31st annual meeting of the Welfare Federation of Los Angeles area, including the Harbor, will be held in the Golden State Room of the Statler Hotel at noon, Wednesday, April 27, according to Alex Bero, chairman of the Harbor area Board. Bero said new members of the Board of Governors will be elected at that time and reports will be heard from six management committees, one of which is Community Chest's associated cities committee.

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**City Council Proceedings**

**Torrance City Council**

April 5, 1955

Council called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Nicholas O. Drale. Councilmen present: Victor E. Benstead Jr., Willys G. Blount, Albert Isen, Mervin M. Schwab, Mayor Drale. Absent: none. Others present: City Manager George Stevens, Deputy City Clerk L. J. Hallagan, Assistant City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier, Fire Chief J. J. Benner, City Engineer Ronald Bishop, License Inspector C. N. Weber, Police Chief Willard Haslam, and Planning Commission Secretary George Powell.

Planning Commission member Bert Lynn led pledge of allegiance. Councilman Blount gave the invocation. Minutes of the regular meeting of March 29 and special meetings of March 30 and 31 approved.

Bids on improvement of Torrance Blvd. between Crenshaw and Madrona and of Elm Avenue Torrance Blvd. and Maricopa Ave. opened and referred to the city manager for study and a recommendation.

South Torrance Fire Station contract awarded to Don B. Wolf on recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Wolf's total bid for the project was \$54,806. All other bids rejected.

North Torrance zone plan, presented as Planning Commission Case 335, approved with the exception of one parcel of ground on Redondo Beach Blvd. which was excluded from reclassification from C-1 to R-3, and for one area on 174th St. which will remain A-1 as the owner's request.

Request of Torrance Paper

Stock Corp., 1030 Engracia Ave., for business license denied and firm instructed to re-apply for variance to operate. The firm had previously operated as the Torrance Metal Products Co. on a variance as a non-conforming use.

Statement of earnings from Texas Co. on franchise in city accompanied by check for \$8.30 referred to City Attorney Hall for study and a recommendation.

Letter from South Bay Humane Society suggesting new schedule of fees referred to the City Manager for study and a recommendation.

Letter from Howard Wood Parent-Teacher Assn. requesting sidewalks or asphalt walkways in vicinity of Howard Wood School referred to Street Superintendent Ralph Perkins for a report on feasibility of granting request.

Refund to Lebow Oil Co. for overpayment of oil well permit fees for the year approved by Council.

Memorandum from City Clerk's office requesting authority to purchase electric typewriter approved with the condition that the city manager approve the purchase.

Week of April 18-23 proclaimed Salvation Army week in Torrance by Mayor Drale.

Salary adjustment for Water Department foreman to make his salary more nearly in line with road foreman; and a park foreman approved on the recommendation of the City Manager with the adjustment being made retroactive to Jan. 1, 1955.

Appointment of Henry M. West as Building Inspector effective April 1, approved on recommendation of City Manager.

Appointment of Walter R. Culverhouse as bus operator effective March 30 approved.

Appointment of Henry F. Kuffel as temporary park maintenance man pending Civil Service examination approved.

Purchase of portable, one-sack concrete mixer for the street department approved.

Request for extension of time on Hollywood Riviera Sewer District contract to permit completion of legal details of the project approved for 60 days.

Recommendation of City Engineer Bishop that \$26,000 bond

on tract 15915 be released approved.

Revised tentative tract map 20829 submitted by John Kettler returned to Planning Commission without approval. Drainage of area and provisions for sump are to be clarified.

Resolution 2709 protesting adoption of Assembly Bill 3762 adopted. The new law would place all Long Beach tidelands revenue in the general state treasury. The Council viewed the law as one setting a dangerous precedent.

Resolution 2710 accepting grant deed from Henry M. and Sophie E. Guenser adopted.

Resolution 2711 authorizing acceptance of grant deed from Chancellor-Western Oil Development for new civic center site adopted.

Resolution 2712 recommending to the Board of Supervisors that a municipal court branch be established here adopted.

Proposal of H. M. Guenser to turn property to the city for reclamation after excavation of clay for brick production held by Council for study.

Ordinance 758 ordering vacation of streets in the beach area of Torrance to permit a redevelopment of the property adopted by Council at its second reading.

City Manager Stevens reported that Assemblyman Vincent Thomas had pledged his opposition to Assembly Bill 591 which would preclude cities from collecting a license tax as fee for selling merchandise on person without fixed place of business in the city.

City Manager Stevens reported that he had received the resignation of License Inspector C. N. Weber effective April 15. The city manager was authorized to employ someone to handle the duties of the office pending a Civil Service examination.

Assistant City Attorney Remelmeier reported that it was the City Attorney's opinion that the Torrance Sand and Gravel Co. could not install a concrete ready-mix plant on their present variance without a new variance. Thomas H. Diack representing the firm, said the company planned to erect steel bunkers at a cost of approximately \$200,000 to handle the sand, rock, and cement. He was instructed to submit a request

for variance for the operation through the Planning Commission.

Councilman Isen reported that Thomas Gibson, of the County Health Department, had reported that the 213th and Cabrillo site of the former Torrance Waste Products Co. had been cleaned up "100 per cent." He asked that the fire department order the temporary fence down from the site and that a letter be directed to County Health Officer commending Gibson on his work in getting the place cleaned up. The firm, which had huge piles of waste cloth and paper stock, burned last Memorial Day.

Mayor Drale commented that a pension plan for City Clerk A. H. Bartlett had been discussed for some time and that it now seemed appropriate for some recommendation on the matter. City Clerk Bartlett, who is confined to his home following major surgery, has served the city for 33 years, the Mayor said, and the city "can well afford to retire Bartlett on a pension." The matter was referred to City Attorney Hall for an opinion on the legality of pensioning an elected official.

Stating that the Mayor's job was an honorary one, Mayor Drale commented that it would be an appropriate time to pass the job of being Mayor of Torrance on to another member of the Council. Stating that the position had been offered to Councilman Benstead, who had declined, Drale nominated Councilman Isen to be Mayor. The nomination was seconded by Benstead and carried with four affirmative votes. Councilman Blount abstained.

**Hospital Log**

**PATIENTS ADMITTED**  
MARCH 24, 1955  
Ora Phillips, 1913 W. 261st St., Lomita.

MARCH 27, 1955  
Arlene Souger, 911 Marine Ave., Ruth DeHart, 2227 255th St., Lomita.

**BABIES BORN** MARCH 27, 1955  
Grl. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Souger, 911 Marine Ave., Wilmington; 8 lbs., 7 oz.

**PATIENTS ADMITTED**  
MARCH 28, 1955  
Kenneth Todd, 906 Beldon St., Torrance.  
Louise Chatterton, 2022 W. 262nd St., Lomita.  
Frances Cozzolino, 922 Gastine St., Torrance.

MARCH 29, 1955  
James O'Quinn, 21905 Dolores St., Torrance.  
Eliel Loh, 1610 W. 247th St., Harbor City.  
Martha Wulbern, 2064 W. 262nd St., Lomita.

**BABIES BORN** MARCH 29, 1955  
Grl. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wulbern, 2064 W. 262nd St., Lomita; 7 lbs., 8 oz.  
Roy Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cozzolino, 922 Gastine St., Torrance; 7 lbs., 12 1/2 oz.

**PATIENTS ADMITTED**  
SAN PEDRO COMMUNITY HOSPITAL MARCH 31, 1955  
Frances Elizabeth Kaittler, 821 Calle Miramar, Torrance.  
Julie Ann Armstrong, 24709 Woodward Ave., Lomita.  
Eileen Constance Heggin, 217 Via Los Altos.

APRIL 1, 1955  
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